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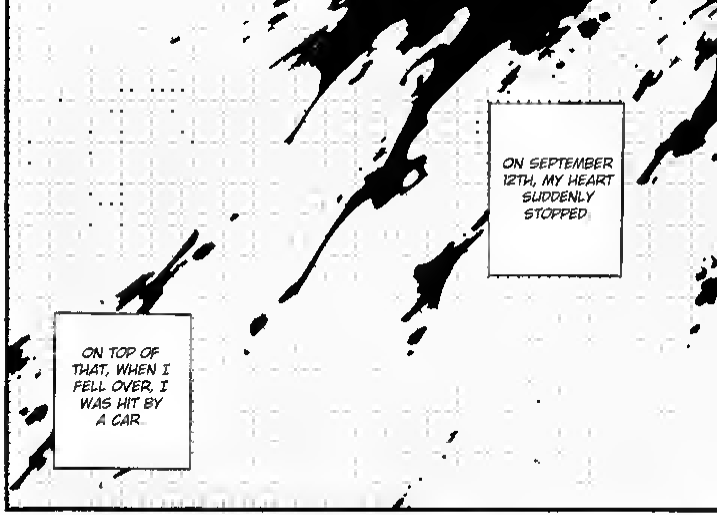
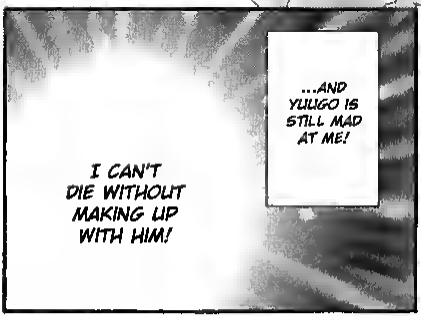


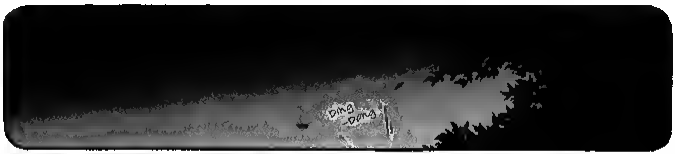


Editor's Note: Shinigami, the Japanese spirits of death, are said to wear the shape of birds when they come to take the soul to the land of the dead.

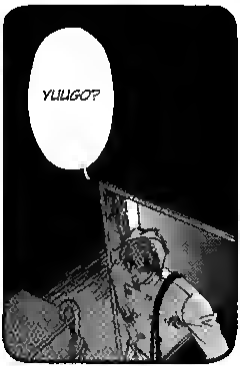
TWITCH
OW...!
I'M...
...ALIVE?
FEATHERS?

A DREAM? THIS SURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ONE.
!
9 SEP
10
I... ...DIED.
But this is really my armor...
Floomp
IT LOOKS LIKE I WENT BACK TWO WHOLE DAYS !
Ha-haaa...
Click
Here is the news for the afternoon of September 10th. The weather will be nice today as well
...TO THE DAY I FOUGHT WITH YUUGO

Stupid me
WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING? MY HEART JUST STOPS
IF I START FROM TODAY, I CAN AVOID THE FIGHT AND KEEP FROM DYING!
RIGHT
SO, THE FIGHT... HUH...
sighhhhh


DING DONG

WHAT THE HELL ...? HE TOLD ME TO COME OVER, BUT HE'S STILL NOT HOME?
Ring Ringg Ring Ringg
Ring Ringg Ring Ringg
Ring Ringg click


YUUGO?

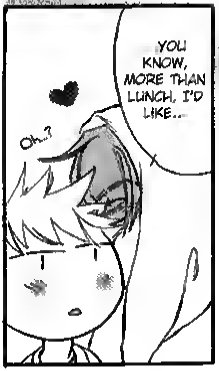
BEEP
Yuuga-kun? I had fun the other day! Let's hang out again sometime, okay?
Hey, this is Yuuga! I'm not home right now
SHE'S HOME?
Yes, I'm home!
KA-CHICK
And...
SOUICHIROU, YOU'RE HERE? AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE BUSY WITH WORK!?
I'm sorry for kissing you all of a sudden.
...But I meant it

I'M GOING HOME.
HEY!
YOU'RE RIGHT, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE BUSY.
GRAB
WHAT THE...? WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY?!
LOOK, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE NOT WITH ME, BUT I'D RATHER NOT FIND OUT ABOUT IT
WHAT...?
ORIGINALLY, YOU WERE 'NORMAL' IF YOU STILL LIKE GIRLS. DON'T HOLD BACK ON MY ACCOUNT.
HUH?
Beep
Beep

SHE JUST DID THAT ON HER OWN!
SOUICHIROU! YOU'RE JUST GOING TO BELIEVE SOME WOMAN YOU'VE NEVER MET, AND NOT EVEN LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?!
YOU'RE GETTING AWFULLY WORKED UP ABOUT IT. DOES THAT MEAN I'M RIGHT?
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DISCUSS YUUGO.
GOOD-BYE.
TURN AWAY

Squeak
shhhh
BUT DEATH COMES WHEN IT WILL.
WHAT A STUPID, JEALOUS PARTING.
Uuhh~ I'm all bloody
DING-DONG
I REALLY AM BEING PUNISHED.
I brought you something!
HEY~Y! SOUICHIROU! YOU ALIVE~?!

I GO TO WORK AT ONE, BUT YOU'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY...
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER SO I THOUGHT WE COULD HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER.
HE'S JUST "LOKE-KUN"
OK
THUNK



IT REALLY IS THE SAME DAY!

IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO WANT TO DO IT
Lucky! - ♡
SOUI-CHIROU...
FOR HOWEVER LONG WE HAVE, I WANT TO DO THIS WITH YOU...
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU'RE BUSY TOO, YUUGO

HAAA
SOUI-CHI-ROU
NN
AH

MM
TOO GOOD I'M ALREADY THERE

YUU ..GO..
SALIVA
DOES IT FEEL GOOD?

AH... YU...
YUU... ...GO!
I HAVE TO LEAVE.
Crap! I'm gonna be late!
OH, YEAH, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO STOP BY MY PLACE TONIGHT
?!

THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE...
UH, OKAY...
I HAVE TO WORK ON A DESIGN FOR THE NEW COLLECTION ANYWAY...
BUT..! BUT...!
DON'T YOU DARE FORGET THAT THE 12TH IS MY BIRTHDAY! SO KEEP YOUR SCHEDULE OPEN!
REALLY?!
OF COURSE DEPENDING ON MY WORK, I'LL COME SEE YOU SOME TIME TOMORROW NIGHT.
I'LL BE WAITING--!
OKAY!
BAM
I WONDER IF HE'S GOING TO SEE THAT WOMAN FROM THE ANSWERING MACHINE?

ALRIGHT, THEN I'LL GIVE HIM THE PRESENT I DIDN'T GIVE HIM BEFORE
THE BIRD CAME FOR ME.
I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYWAY, SINCE I'M GOING TO DIE
saw
saw
saw
saw
saw
saw
I WAS VERY FOND OF IT. I WOULD RUSH HOME TO BE WITH IT. I NEVER WANTED TO BE APART FROM IT
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I HAD A SMALL, PURE WHITE BIRD.

I ADORED THAT BIRD. I LOVED IT DEARLY

ONE DAY, I DECIDED TO TAKE IT OUTSIDE

ITS WINGS HADN'T BEEN CLIPPED TO KEEP IT FROM FLYING AWAY, SO I WRAPPED IT IN A HANDKERCHIEF AND HELD IT TIGHT...

I WANTED TO SHOW MY BIRD, WHO HAD ONLY EVER FLOWN INSIDE A HOUSE, THE WIDE WORLD AND THE SKY

...BUT THE BIRD WAS DEAD.

I HAD SUFFOCATED IT.

EVEN THOUGH I LOVED THE BIRD, I KILLED IT WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT.

MY CONSCIENCE TOLD ME THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD BE KILLED JUST AS I HAD KILLED THAT BIRD
I BURIED THE BIRD SO MY PARENTS WOULDN'T SEE, SEALING MY CRIME.
MY DEATH WAS FATED THE DAY I KILLED THE BIRD
IT'S DONE.

EVEN THOUGH I'M PREPARED FOR IT, IT'S STILL SCARY
STAB
IT HURTS..
STAB
I'M SO TIRED.
THUMP
THE OLD ME WOULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT
EH... THAT'S JUST EMBRASSING AT MY AGE
I'LL JUST LET GO OF THE ISSUE AROUND THAT PHONE CALL
ROLL
OW, OW, OW!
ROLL
I LIVED IN MY OWN WORLD..
THE ME WHO NEVER SPENT TIME WITH, OR HAD ANY INTEREST IN, PEOPLE

I TOLD YOU, I'LL PAY THE REST LATER!
THIS PART TIME GUY JUST SAID THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE TO HAVE CASH, HE'LL TAKE THESE CLOTHES--! I TOLD HIM THAT THE CLOTHES ARE WORTH MORE THAN THAT, BUT..
Yuuji!
YOSHINO-SA~N! JUST LISTEN TO THIS!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
Bicker
Gripe
YOU LIKE THOSE CLOTHES THAT MUCH?
They're INCREDIBLE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH COOL CLOTHES BEFORE!
THE PERSON WHO MADE THESE CLOTHES IS A GENIUS!
FROM THEN ON, MY WORLD BEGAN TO CHANGE. ALL BECAUSE OF YUUGO.
Th...I'll give them to you...
And you are?
Mi

...BUT MY HEART STOPPED.
I THOUGHT I'D ALWAYS BE WITH HIM...
HONEST, STRAIGHTFORWARD YUUGO... HE TAUGHT ME, WHO HAD GIVEN UP ON EVERYTHING, HOW TO LOVE.
THE BIRD WILL NOT FORGIVE ME.
THIS IS MY PUNISHMENT.

THE 11TH - EVENING
I WONDER IF HE'LL BE HAPPY WITH MY PRESENT?
YUUGO...
I DIDN'T THINK I'D REALLY GET TO SEE YOU TODAY, SOUICHIROU.
= slide
slide
WHY NOT? I KEEP MY PROMISES.
Drop

YOU BIG FAT LIAR!
You're a monumental
THIS IS OUR LAST TIME TOGETHER.
LATELY, IT FEELS LIKE I'M LOSING YOU.
LOSING ME?
IT SEEMS LIKE INSTEAD OF SEEING ME, YOU'RE WATCHING A DREAM
Your expressions are so vague
AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED ME OUT FIRST. THAT'S SO SNEAKY!
UHH...
NN...
SUCK
AHH...
N

...BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY I COULD LIVE WITHOUT YOU.
YUU-GO...
...YOU'RE NOT LOSING ME
UHH... NUH!
HAAH... AHH!
YUU... GO... I... I CAN'T...!
Push
Slide
GRIP
CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE?
NNN...

READY?
GRIP
AHH YEAH
MNN
Trembling
FUU UH...
AHH FUU...
YUU... GO
pant
pant
SOU. ICHIROU SO GOOD!
SHWAP
THRUST
AH! AHH...!
THRUST

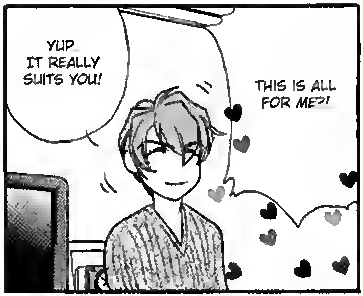
AH... YU.. YUUGO... COM- COMING!
NNN..! ME TOO..!
AH... AHH!
FUU... ...NNN!
NNN..!
AHHHH!

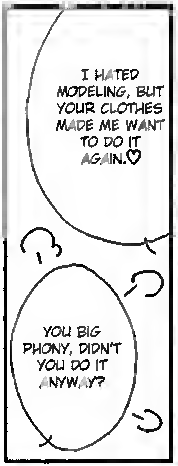
AHH!
LIH!
SLIDE
HUFF
HUFF
WAIT! NOT YET LET'S STAY LIKE THIS
FOR A LITTLE LONGER
SHUDDER
Done?
Eh?
YOU'RE REALLY HORNY TODAY!
Is that bad?
NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?
STILL?
?
!

AAH! YES! YUU... ...GO!
HA...! ...NN
AH!
I LIKE IT!♡
MORE...
...DO IT MORE...
...UNTIL IT'S UNFORGETTABLE.
SOUICHIROU?
shlorp

THRUST
Haa
hh!
Aaa
ahhh!
Aaaaah!
THRUST
AAAAaaaaaaaaaaaahhh
THRUST

SOUICHIROU, ARE YOU SURE NOTHING'S WRONG?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT DO I MEAN?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU.
OH? ♡
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU FIRST THING IN THE MORNING...
SHUUU


YUP. IT REALLY SUITS YOU!
THIS IS ALL FOR ME?!


I HATED MODELING, BUT YOUR CLOTHES MADE ME WANT TO DO IT AGAIN.♡
YOU BIG PHONY, DIDN'T YOU DO IT ANYWAY?

FROM THE TIME I BEGAN MODELING, SOUICHIROU'S CLOTHES WERE ALWAYS THE BEST FOR ME.
You sewed all this?

TH-THAT'S BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE! BUT THE CAMERA, THE MAKEUP... IT WAS ALL WEIRD!
There were lots of weird people!
You sis easy!
Ha ha ha!

Winter clothes
UWAHHH! ♡
Totally awesome!

YUUGO
...LET'S BREAK UP.

HUH?
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY FOR BOTH YOU AND ME...
I'M SORRY IT'S SO SUDDEN...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
BYE
...

WAIT A DAMNED MINUTE!
Click
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? WHY DID YOU SAY THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
GOOD-BYE.

STAB
OW
DID IT JUST IN TIME, HUH?
STAB

I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO REGRET
NOW ..
STAB

TODAY IS THE DAY I DIE

SCREECH!
YUUGO?
WHY...?
I SAID WAIT!
SOUJI-CHIROU!
A BIRD?!
CRASH

THERE WAS A SPRAY OF BLOOD...
...THE CRUNCH OF BONES BREAKING...
—A BODY THAT FELL TO THE GROUND—
WHY—
WHY ISN'T IT ME!?!

...AND BACK THEN, I ONLY WANTED TO MAKE THE BIRD HAPPY BY SHOWING IT THE WORLD OUTSIDE
I ONLY WANTED YUUGO TO BE HAPPY AND FORGET ABOUT ME...
HEY! DON'T JUST ASSUME I'M DEAD!
WHY?!
WHY DOES EVERYTHING I DO TURN OUT WRONG!?!
I'VE GOT A WHOLE MOUNTAIN OF THINGS I STILL WANT TO SAY TO YOU!
YUUGO!
Eeee--Ooo--!
Eeee--Ooo--!

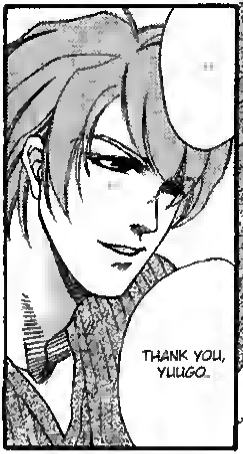
Hospital
THAT'S WHY?
ど—DOOM—h
ALL BECAUSE OF A CURSE FROM A BIRD?
I don't know if you'd actually call it a curse.
Uuuu
YOU DUMPED ME SO I'D GO ON LIVING HAPPILY AFTER YOU WERE DEAD?
Prick!

WHEN YOU DIE, THAT'S THE END, WHETHER YOU'RE A PERSON OR ANYTHING ELSE!
ZAP!!
ZAP!!
ZAP!!
ZAP!!
BUT, REALLY...!
NO WAY AM I GONNA BELIEVE THAT!
T/N. Zap! = negative energy
UWAAAAH
PUNISHMENT?! HA! KIDS ARE JUST ROUGH BY NATURE.
AND OF COURSE I'D BE UPSET IF YOU WERE HIT BY A CAR AND KILLED! THAT'S NO LITTLE THING!
P-PIYA!
Don't
Don't
Don't
Don't
ARE YOU OKAY?

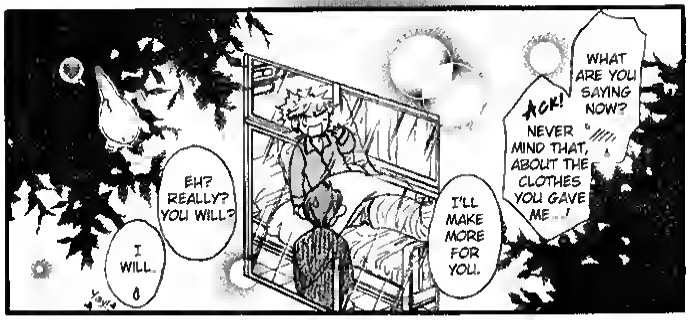
SEEING YOU KILLED ONCE WAS BAD ENOUGH.
ON THE 12TH, RIGHT AFTER WE FOUGHT...
HUH?
...I WENT TO SEE YOU AND RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES...

IT WAS A DREAM. YOURS AND MINE.
...A DREAM!
THAT WAS!
YUUGO, THAT...
IT CAN'T BE!
GRAB
LISTEN, SOUICHIROU! THAT BIRD AND I HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON...
BUT IF IT WAS A DREAM, WHY WOULD MY CLOTHES BE BLOODY, AND WHY WOULD THERE BE FEATHERS?
...
...WE BOTH LOVE YOU...
...SO I UNDERSTAND IT THAT BIRD WASN'T ANGRY AT YOU...
...IT JUST WANTED TO HELP YOU.

ABSOLUTELY!
YOU THINK..?


THANK YOU, YUUGO.

IF THAT WASN'T A DREAM..
THEN MAYBE THAT BIRD BROUGHT YOU BACK YOU WHEN YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO DIE, AND GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO TRY AND MAKE UP WITH ME?


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING NOW?
ACK!
NEVER MIND THAT, ABOUT THE CLOTHES YOU GAVE ME..!
I'LL MAKE MORE FOR YOU.
EH? REALLY? YOU WILL?
I WILL.

+end+

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IT'S PROBABLY ONLY BECAUSE THIS VAST POND IS IN THE HEART OF THE PARK THAT PEOPLE CALL IT THE "BOTTOMLESS POND" OR "GHOST POND".
BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS, THIS PARK IS LIKE A DIM AND GLOOMY FOREST EVEN AT NOON. *ACCIDENTS* FREQUENTLY HAPPEN HERE
IS THIS SOME KINDA JOKE?!
PIUNK
take that!
HUH? YOU GOT SOMETHING YOU WANNA SAY!?
HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN IN THIS BORING, STINKING POND!?
WHO the hell?
DAMNIT
splash

I EAT STUFF THAT'S THROWN INTO THE POND, BUT WHAT THE HELL KIND OF GARBAGE IS THIS?!
crunch
crunch
IT'S GETTING DARK
LET'S HURRY UP AND GO HOME
...HOW BORING.
Hmmp!

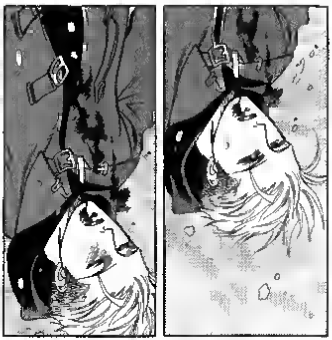
WHAT KINDA GARBAGE WAS THAT!?
HN. IT'S A HUMAN

Oh.

WITH THOSE WOUNDS, HE'LL PROBABLY DIE SOON.

HE'S ALIVE?

CAN'T I HAVE A MIRACLE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE?



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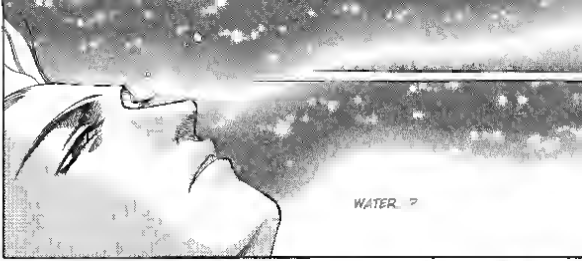
JEEZ
I'M GETTING TIRED OF ALWAYS DOING CLEANUP


WATER...?

WHERE IS THIS? I... IF I REMEMBER RIGHT...

OH, YOU'RE AWAKE?

I WAS AT THIS DANGEROUS PARK... AND THE SUN WAS GOING DOWN...
BUT I WAS JUST CUTTING THROUGH... I THINK I RAN INTO SOME KIND OF HOODLUM...?

this is my bedroom
THIS IS MY POND
THE PLACE YOU HUMANS SELFISHLY CALL "BOTTOMLESS POND" OR "GHOST POND"
AND WHO'RE YOU?
A KAWI OR SUPPER?
WHAT'S WITH THAT --
I'M A DEMON. GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
WAIT.
SEE YA!

RIGHT NOW, THE POWER OF MY BLOOD IS JUST BARELY KEEPING YOU ALIVE.
IF YOU LEAVE, YOU'LL BE DEAD IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, HAVE IT YOUR WAY.
GUESS I'LL GIVE UP.
DON'T GET SO DOWN ABOUT IT! IT'S DIFFERENT FROM OUTSIDE THE LAKE, AND IT'S PRETTY!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WHACK
WHACK
OTSUJI... REIICHI.
OTSUJI, HUH? THAT'S A GOOD NAME

YOU ARE?
?
YOUR NAME?
Otsuji
Otsuji
STUPID! WHY WOULD I HAVE A NAME?
A LONG TIME AGO, I MIGHT'VE BEEN A HUMAN, BUT I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ALL THOSE KINDS OF THINGS.
BESIDES THERE'S NO ONE TO CALL ME BY NAME
.....

UH, THAT IS, YOUR HAIR AND YOUR CLOTHES ARE KIND OF A DARK RED... BUT "AKA" SOUNDS KIND OF LIKE A COW AND --
AGAIN.
HUH?
OKAY, HOW 'BOUT AKAGI?
...
AKAGI?
CALL ME THAT AGAIN.

HMP? WELL, IF YOU'D LIKE...
THAT'D BE ME, HUH...
OKAY

OKAY! YOU CAN CALL ME THAT, OTSUJI.
smile
BA-DUMP!

pupu (smothered laughter)
I THOUGHT A DEMON WOULD BE MORE SCARY
pupu
"
WHAT IS THIS?
Otsuji is a pretty easy target. I can't wait to eat him
FROM NOW ON, I'M AKAGI
ahhh!
what the hell mustard?!

THAT'S RIGHT!
I FORGOT CUZ YOU SEEMED SO UPSET, BUT WHERE WERE YOU GOING, OTSUJI?
found something!
THAT'S NOT IT

I GOT REJECTED
?
I WASN'T GOING ANYWHERE. I WAS JUST RUNNING AWAY.
WHACK
WHACK
CHEER UP!
WELL, WOMEN ARE AN ETERNAL ENIGMA FOR LIVING THINGS DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THAT PERSON
A GUY.
Say what?
IT WAS A GUY.

DON'T WORRY
You're GAY?
I see.
knowledgeable because he eats magazines and such
NO MATTER HOW CURIOUS I AM, SOMETHING LIKE A DEMON IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
GROWL
zuru zuru
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "SOMETHING LIKE A DEMON", YOU BASTARD?!
WELL, NEVERMIND.
GUESS EVEN DEMONS GET HUNGRY.
You're a human!
SINCE I CAN'T LEAVE THIS POND OR RETURN TO A NORMAL HUMAN LIFE ANYWAY

...?
HERE.
FROM NOW ON, THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL EAT.
EAT... YOU MEAN YOUR ARM?
THE KIND OF MEAT THAT DEMONS EAT IS BAD. THERE'S PROBABLY NOTHING ELSE IN THIS POND THAT YOU CAN EAT.
DON'T BE PICKY OR YOU'LL DIE EVEN WITHOUT LEAVING THE POND!

HERE!
SWALLOW
HUH?!
I'VE NEVER TASTED ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
IS IT GOOD?
AH— YEAH
ah, blood
HOW IS IT?
WHAT? IT MELTED IN MY MOUTH...

I'M SORRY
.....
GOOD
YOU FOOL! IF YOU WERE SUCH A BORING HUMAN, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE
I'LL DEFINITELY BE PUNISHED
I EVEN THOUGH AKAGI SAVED ME, I KEEP SAYING CRUEL THINGS
THANK YOU, AKAGI.
From now on Please take care of me
What, what?

DON'T YOU ASK THAT EVERY TIME?
I told you, I'm fine.
IT DOESN'T HURT?

LATELY... WHEN I EAT, I GET INCREDIBLY EXCITED.
THADUMP
THADUMP
IF I DO MORE THAN THIS...I THINK IT'LL BE BAD.
Nn
BUT I CAN'T STOP.
THADUMP

THIS IS BAD...
SORRY
don't go biting wherever!
THERE'S NO BLOOD THERE! AND IT TICKLES!
IDIOT!
GUH
DOKUN
HERE, THERE'S A LOT OF FLESH HERE--
IF YOU'RE THAT HUNGRY, JUST SAY SO FROM THE START
Side
Thanks for the Food!
Was that enough?
?
?
?

IT'S NO GOOD... I'M HUNGRY

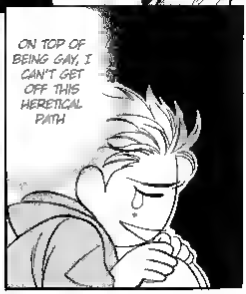
RUSTLE

THAT FAINT LITTLE NOISE IS BURNED INTO MY MEMORY... I CAN'T FORGET IT
Nn

WHEN HE'S BLOOD-SMEARED AKAGI IS DAZZLING

...WHAT'S THAT?
crunch
gulp

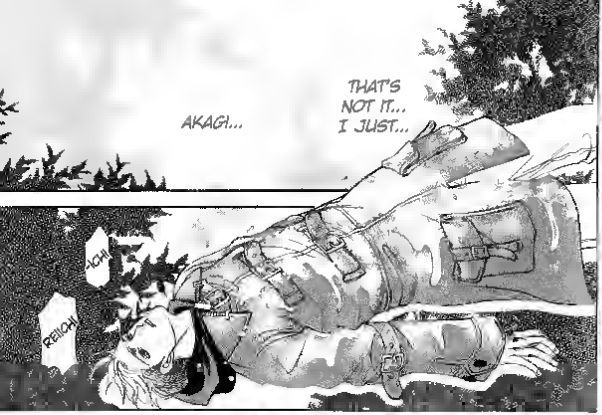
chew
!


ON TOP OF BEING GAY, I CAN'T GET OFF THIS HERETICAL PATH

!?
OH, IT'S AKAGI EATING GARBAGE
!!
IT'S A PERSON.
OTSUJI!

S-STAY AWAY...
OTSUJI, THIS
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
(WHAT?
THIS WAS ALREADY DEAD MURDERED BY SOME OTHER HUMAN
IT WAS THROWN INTO THE POND LIKE IT WAS AN EMPTY CAN OR SOME KIND OF GARBAGE, SO I'VE GOT TO EAT IT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO SCARED IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO EAT YOU, OTSUJI.

sfx: ryaaa (rushing water)


AKAGI...
THAT'S NOT IT... I JUST...
REIICHI
AGH!

AKAGI...

REIICHI!!!

AH
ARE YOU OKAY?! WAKE UP!

WHAT
ISN'T AKIGI THAT OTHER GUY'S NAME?
THE GUY THAT OTSUJI LOVES...
Even though he got rejected
HELP!
...P!
AAAAAA

Kaa-chan/Okaa-chan – Mother
Nii-chan – Brother

KAA-CHAN!!
NII-CHAN!!
HELP! IT WASN'T ME!!
!!
HELP!! I DIDN'T STEAL ANY MONEY! I'M INNOCENT!
IN ORDER TO STOP THIS RAIN, THE VILLAGE WANTED A SINNER TO USE AS A HUMAN SACRIFICE YOUR OKAA-CHAN WANTED FEWER MOUTHS TO FEED
YOU WERE OFFERED UP IN EXCHANGE FOR PAYMENT
..IT'S NOT TRUE!
UGH!
THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
ドカ!!!

ドカ Impact (skomp)

DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND...
SPLASH
THOSE WERE ALL LIES.
KAA-CHA --
SHE'S GONE?!
TAKE ME WITH YOU...
.....
I SEE
I WISH I COULD BRING OTSUJI HERE.

AKAGI
AKAGI
!?
WHY?
DON'T EAT THAT
STOP IT, AKAGI
AHHHHH...
ISN'T AKAGI MY FOOD?
BECAUSE...

YOU OKAY, REIICHI?
IT WAS A DREAM...
STILL HAVING AFTER-EFFECTS FROM THE ACCIDENT?
NO, IT WAS NOTHING
DON'T BE STUPID! YOU JUST STARTED LIVING TOGETHER WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
YOU'RE HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME, BUT I'M LEAVING YOU HERE ALL BY YOURSELF... I'M REALLY SORRY.

NO WAY
EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS A SHOCK,
NOW I CAN FACE AKAGI WITHOUT AWKWARD-NESS.
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR
YOU LET ME TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT SO MUCH I'M REALLY GRATEFUL
REIICHI, DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
AKAGI
.....
SOMEONE I LIKE.. ?

I WANTED TO BRING YOU WITH...
OTSUJ
I WANTED
TO BE WITH YOU

DAMNIT!
GO AWAY!
HAVING TO DO THESE THINGS FOREVER... GLAD I'M NOT A GOD
WHAT'S A DEMON HAVE TO DO TO DIE!?

THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN A DEMON WILL DIE IF THEY DON'T EAT. THAT'S BASIC.
Damnit!! What the hell is this, right when someone's depressed!?
HA
AKAGI!

D-
DON'T CALL ME THAT!
HA
WOW! LOOK, I CAN TALK EVEN THOUGH I'M UNDERWATER!
KUKU
KUKU
KUKU
THEN, THAT WILL DO FINE
THAT'S YOUR MAN'S NAME! NOT MINE!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!
I'll stockings kill you!!
GO!
GO!
GO

...BASTARD! IS THAT THE KIND OF THING A GUY WHO WAS JUST SLEEPING WITH HIS LOVER SAYS!?
QUIT JOKING AROUND!!
WHA-? YOU SAW THAT!?
YEA~H. I SAW THAT.
GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE YOU GET EATEN!!
WHAT ?!!
YOU'RE THE AKAGI I LOVE.
AKAGI ISN'T MY LOVER! IT WAS JUST UNREQUITED LOVE ON MY PART! WE'RE JUST FRIENDS!
why were you outside the lake?! That's cheating!

YOU LIKE ME?
YEAH
HE'S A FRIEND?
EVEN WHEN WE WERE APART IT WAS LIKE I WAS DELIRIOUS -- YOU WERE ALWAYS ON MY MIND, NIGHT AND DAY
WHEN I ASKED AKAGI, HE TOLD ME "THAT'S LOVE."
WE HAD FUN, AND I WAS HAPPY UP TILL NOW, IT WAS NEVER LIKE THAT WITH ANYONE
WHILE I WAS WITH YOU, MY HEART WAS ALWAYS POUNDING
...SOMETIMES BECAUSE I WAS SCARED.
WELL, I GUESS YOU COULDN'T BE CALLED "GAY." BUT...
IS IT OKAY IF I STAY WITH YOU?
H-HAVE IT YOUR WAY!

YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
I'LL EAT YOU, AKAGI
AKAGI
CAN'T BE HELPED...
DO YOU REALLY UNDER-STAND?
GRAB
THAT ONCE I START TO EAT YOU, I WON'T STOP?
BIKU

Yup.
♡
THERE'S NOTHING BESIDES ME TO EAT!
NNNN
I REMEMBERED SOMETHING...
.....
OTSUJI

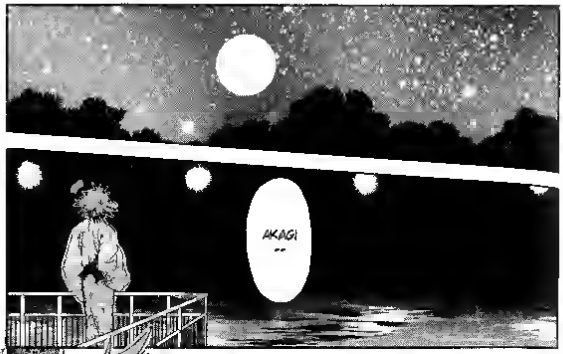
AND I'M A DEMON... DO YOU STILL WANT TO ?
I HAVEN'T DONE THIS BEFORE
ONCE I WAS KID WHEN I WAS SMALL
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.
--NN
NNH
...HH!

AKAGI, LET YOUR VOICE OUT MORE...
SO THAT I CAN HEAR YOU...
AAH...
STO -- NNNH!
AKAGI...
NN...
HA
AH!
!?

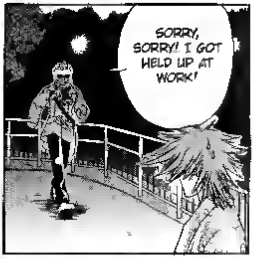
UGH...
NNN... FFU...
NO WAY ~
T-THAT'S NOT INVOLVED!
don't touch~!
IT DOESN'T HURT RIGHT?
WAA!
AHH..
AH!
AHH...
NN!
DOES IT FEEL GOOD?
------!
JERK

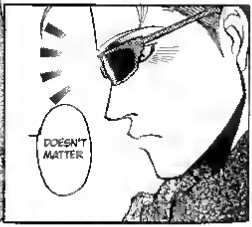
OTSU
OTSUJI
AKAGI?
A-AH
...NN!
DON'T
LEAVE ME
BEHIND
Akagi
AHH!

NNN. AH!
MM!
AH!
AHHH...!
TAKE ME WITH YOU.

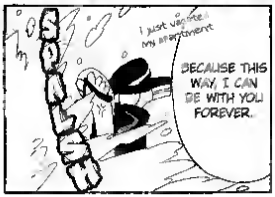

AKAGI
--

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP COMING BACK TO THE POND
YOU'LL END UP GETTING KILLED FOR REAL!

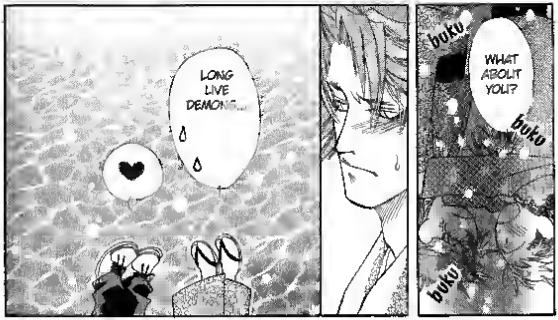

SORRY, SORRY! I GOT HELD UP AT WORK!


DOESN'T MATTER

THIS IS ALSO BECAUSE OF MY LIVING ON LOVE LIFESTYLE.
IT'S FINE RECENTLY I'VE BECOME DISTANCED FROM HUMANS ANYWAY.


SPLASH
I just vanished my attachment
BECAUSE THIS WAY, I CAN BE WITH YOU FOREVER.

IT'S FINE.
DON'T BE SO PROUD ABOUT IT.


LONG LIVE DEMONS...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
buku
buku
buku

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AND EVEN AFTER THE 1000S OF CHAPTERS ALREADY RELEASED BY SCANLATION GROUPS, THERE'S STILL...
YOU CAN'T MEAN...
HOLD IT!
WHOA!
I'M BEAT...
JUST HOW MANY PROJECTS DO YOU WANT TO TAKE ON IN LIQUID SHE??
UM... MORINAGA?
YES!!!
ONCE A WEEK!
WE CAN DO IT!
ONE VOLUME A WEEK, 4 VOLUMES A MONTH, 48 VOLUMES A YEAR!
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL WE CAN HANDLE ALL THAT BY OURSELVES
MUTU?
Wobbly
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
You're insane... Yeah! me
Let's Go!
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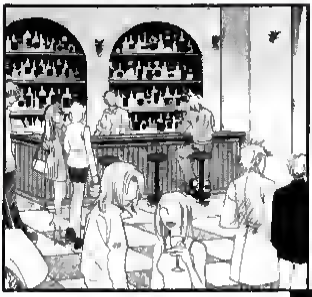
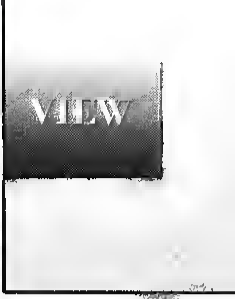
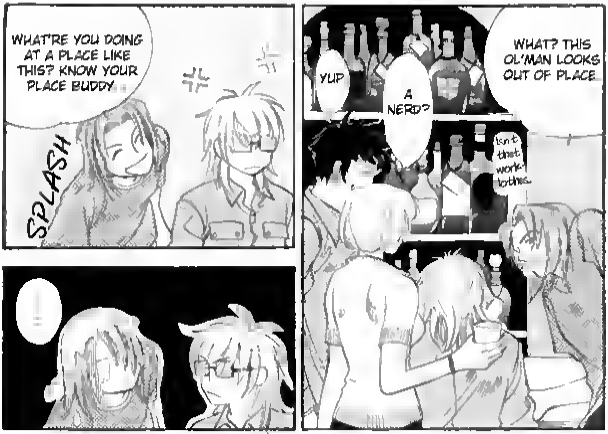
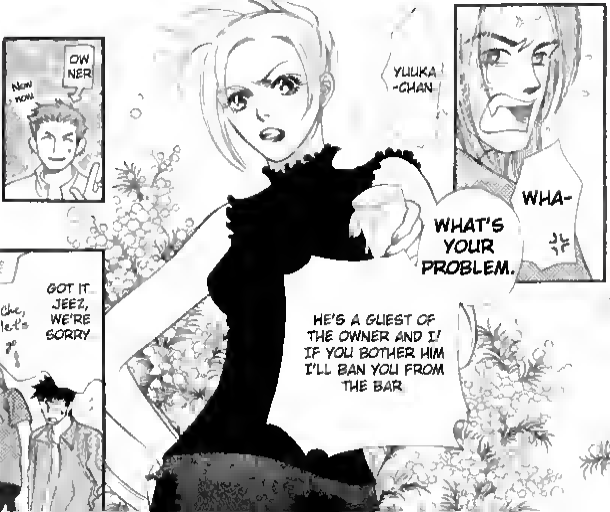
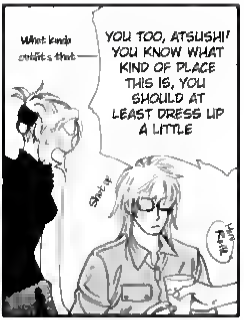




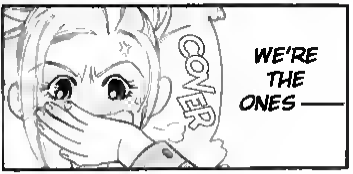

WHAT'RE YOU DOING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS? KNOW YOUR PLACE BUDDY
SPLASH
WHAT? THIS OL'MAN LOOKS OUT OF PLACE
YUP
A NERD?
Isn't that work clothes.


OWNER
Now now
YUUKA -CHAN
WHA-
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM.
HE'S A GUEST OF THE OWNER AND I' IF YOU BOTHER HIM I'LL BAN YOU FROM THE BAR
GOT IT JEEZ, WE'RE SORRY
Che, let's go

CALM DOWN YUUKA. WE CALLED HIM FROM WORK SO HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO CHANGE
MASATO, YOU'RE ALWAYS ON HIS SIDE


What kinda outfit's that——
YOU TOO, ATSUSHI! YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF PLACE THIS IS, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST DRESS UP A LITTLE
Shoot
Yeah, I'm fine.

ANYWAYS, WHAT'S UP?
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW I HATE PLACES LIKE THIS?


COVER
WE'RE THE ONES——

Some thing about better for the guests.
AREN'T YOU TWO'S MARRIAGE A SECRET?
YEAH WELL
Mother of 2

CALM DOWN OR THE GUESTS WILL HEAR YOU.

HOW CAN I LEAVE YOU ALONE. YOU'RE MY ONLY BROTHER ——
The way you dress irritates me —— Do something about it.
YUUKA, ORDER.
SHAKE
SHAKE
BECAUSE AFTER YOUR HEARTBREAK, YOU EITHER BURY YOURSELF AT WORK OR HIDE AT HOME
IT'S UN-HEALTHY!
He's been more than half a year
Gotta fix something
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BREAK-UP LEAVE ME ALONE
YEEAH
I was born without fuckin' senses
IF I COULD CONSULT YOU I WOULD
YUUKA -CHAN 2 BEERS
BUT HOW CAN I TELL YOU YOUR ONLY BROTHER WAS DUMPED BY A MAN

STARTLED
AT THAT
MOM-ENT
Think.

HE'S KIZAKI KOUICHIROU A COLLEGE STUDENT ALTHOUGH HE'S HOT. HE'S SOCIABLE AND GENTLE. SO HE'S POPULAR WITH BOTH MALES AND FEMALES. A REGULAR AT OUR BAR.
WHAT? IS HE YOUR TYPE?
THUMP THUMP
I THOUGHT MY HEART STOPPED...
I KNEW ALREADY, YOUR INTEREST
WHA. WHAT'RE YOU SAYING..
HON
I'M LEAVING.
ATSUSHI -SAN !?
DOWNING UNFAMILIAR DRINKS AT AN UNACCUSTOMED PLACE
I ALREADY RECOGNIZED THE GRIM FACT THAT I'M OUT OF PLACE HERE...
SHALL I INTRODUCE YOU?
BA
STOP JOKING!!
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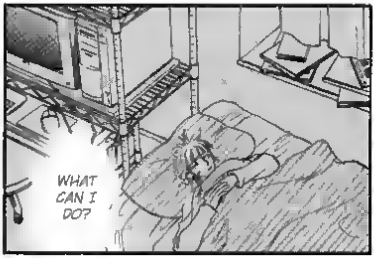
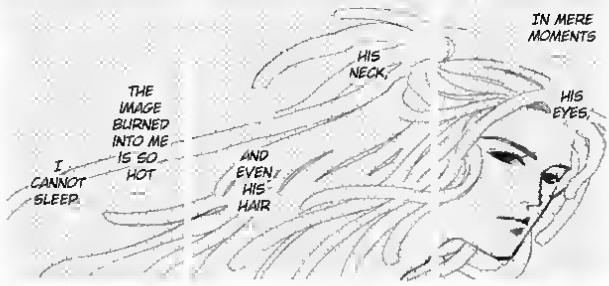
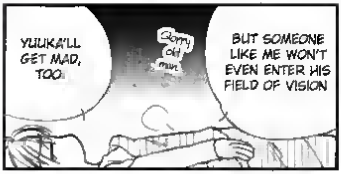
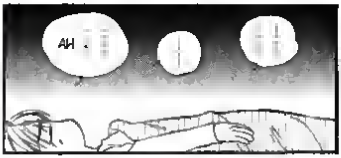
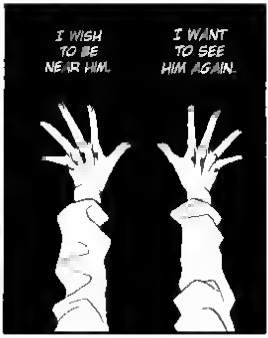






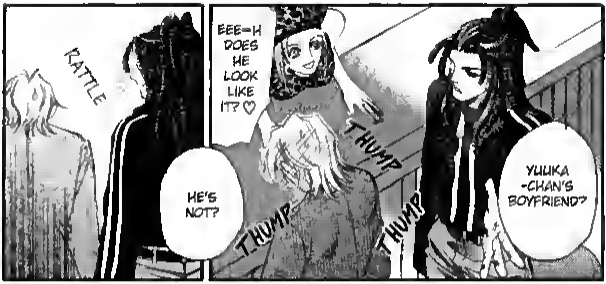




DING
DONG
YEEES
OPEN
ATSU
SHI
!?
YUUKA
I HAVE A
REQUEST

You look great.
HOW CAPTIVATING, ATSUSHI
As expected from my brother
ISN'T THIS A BIT TOO FLASHY?
DON'T WORRY! IT LOOKS REALLY GOOD. LOOK, THERE HE IS
!?
RATTLE
What're you wanting?
YUUKA -CHAN. 1 BEER.

GLANCE
BAMBUMP
BAMBUMP
BAMBUMP
LEAN
LOOK
AAH, YOU LOOK PRETTY EVEN CLOSE UP
!!

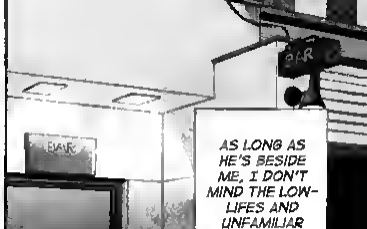

RATTLE
EEE-H DOES HE LOOK LIKE IT? ♡
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
HE'S NOT?
YUUKA -CHAN'S BOYFRIEND?

!?
EEIEH
I'M LEAVING
DIZZY
DIZZY

YOUR NAME?

THEN UURA-SAN.
IF YOU'RE LEAVING, ARE YOU FREE? HOW'BOUT IF WE GO GET A DRINK SOMEWHERE?
...'K.
NAME
SOS
MY HAND...
SWOV
U... UURA.
AFTERWARDS HE TOOK ME TO 2, 3 DIFFERENT BARS.

WHAT'S THAT DRINK? HOW DOES IT TASTE?
SIMPLY HAPPILY, JOYFULLY
Hard lemonade doubles yeast.


BAR
AS LONG AS HE'S BESIDE ME, I DON'T MIND THE LOW-LIFES AND UNFAMILIAR DRINKS

SLOWLY

I...
YUP
WOULD YOU LIKE A TASTE?

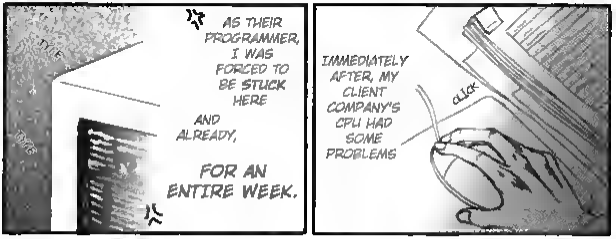
CUT

I WAS ENTRANCED BY HIM
WANT TO DRINK AT MY PLACE?
UURA -SAN?
UGH

AH.
I'M NOT USUALLY THIS AGGRESSIVE BUT...
I'M SORRY
I CAN'T HOLD BACK.
I'VE NEVER FELT THIS WAY EVEN WITH A GIRL...
THAT ENTIRE NIGHT,
UN
NN
LILIRA -SAN.
U.
NN

I ONLY HEARD HIS VOICE...
I...
LOVE YOU...

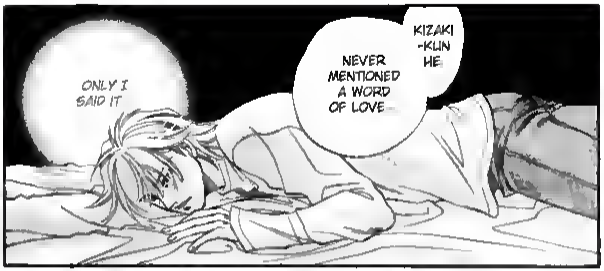
GLOOM
TYPE
TYPE
TYPE
TYPE
TYPE
WHY--- DID I SAY THAT


AS THEIR PROGRAMMER, I WAS FORCED TO BE STUCK HERE
AND ALREADY,
FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK.
TYPE
TYPE
IMMEDIATELY AFTER, MY CLIENT COMPANY'S CPU HAD SOME PROBLEMS
CLICK

KIZAKI-KUN
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU
I WILL GO TO THE BAR EVERY DAY FROM NOW ON
CAN I SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW?
I'LL JUST GO FOR A LOOK!
WHY DIDN'T YOU CONTACT ME FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK? YOU COULD'VE GIVEN ME A CALL.
I DISLIKE THE PHONE
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU AT WORK
YUUKA

LUIRA-SAN STILL DIDN'T COME TODAY?
THAT'S RIGHT - HE SHOULD AT LEAST CONTACT ME OR SOMETHING
I'M GLAD I COULD SEE HIM
YO, KIZAKI -KUN
OWNER, YOU ALONE TODAY?
I'LL KILL YOU.
HMM
I WONDER IF HE REALLY COMES EVERYDAY

!!
REALLY HIS FAULT
IT'S NOT,
I HYPED MYSELF UP AND MISTOOK IT AS MUTUAL LOVE THAT'S ALL.
DROP
IT WASN'T THAT BIG A DEAL TO HIM
MERELY A ONE NIGHT STAND AFTER GETTING DRUNK...
PLOP


ONLY I SAID IT
KIZAKI -KUN HE
NEVER MENTIONED A WORD OF LOVE...

I'M SUCH A FOOL
ONLY I FELL INTO THE DREAM

...AND?
KRRROOO
HONK
HONK

WHAT'S THE REASON FOR DRAGGING ME OUT TO SHOP?
THERE'S A FALL SALE AND I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED SOMETHING
BUT—I'VE ONLY BEEN TAKING YOU TO CHILDREN'S WEAR STORES... SORRY
THAT'S QUITE ALRIGHT.
SORRY, YOU AND YUUKA ALWAYS HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME
NOT AT ALL
INSTEAD I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU
CAN YOU TEACH ME HOW TO USE A COMPUTER WHEN YOU HAVE TIME?
Heh
Has urgent d
Finally borrowed an Mac truck... I can't use it...

N.
I'LL BE HAPPY TO COME.
CLA—NG
WHY SO JUMPY, ATSUSHI.
How funny

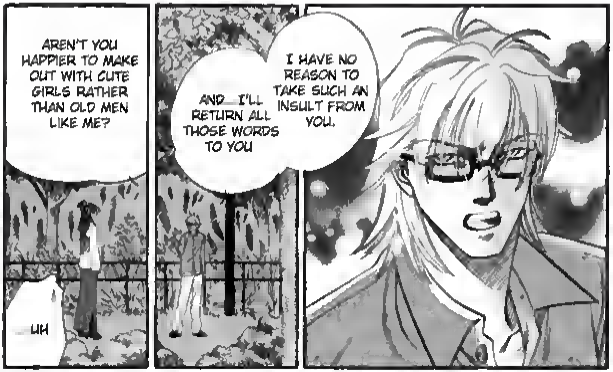
I ALREADY SAID I'M NOT COMING HERE ANYMORE!!
ANYWAYS WHAT DO YOU WANT?
D DOESN'T MATTER.
fidget
fidget
BECAUSE YOU MIGHT SEE KIZAKI-KUN?
DON'T WORRY, HE NEVER COMES BEFORE 12.
BESIDES, HE WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU IN YOUR ORIGINAL STATE

I KNEW VERY WELL HOW YOU DISLIKED THIS KIND OF PLACE AND FLASHY FASHION.
I'M SORRY.
SWI
CHEER UP, YOU'RE MY PRECIOUS.
YEAH, I KNOW
BUT THAT'S WHY I WORRY ABOUT YOU.
NO, ACTUALLY, I JUST WANTED YOU TO BE WITHIN SIGHT. I WANTED TO SHOW YOU OFF TO EVERYONE. HOW YOU'RE REALLY SMART AND COOL.
SLAM

WON'T YOU COME WITH ME?
UURA -SAN.
KI... KIZAKI -KUN.
but the tears won't open up.
ATSU — U
WA WRONG PERSON
SLAP
SLAP

WAIT
LET GO, WILL YOU...
Ohhh
HAVE YOU HAD ENOUGH !!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
BAM
IS THAT A DISGUISE TO ESCAPE FROM ME?

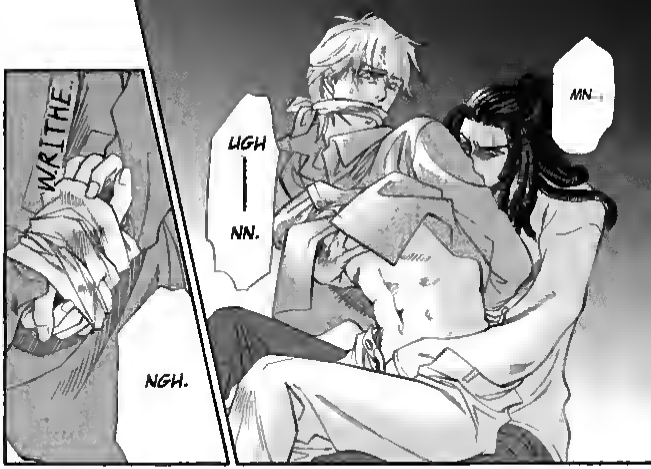
DIS...GUISE, I'M AFRAID THIS'S MY NORM
THE ME YOU KNEW BEFORE, WAS THE HOAX.
THEN, YOU ALWAYS DO THAT TO LURE BOTH MALES AND FEMALES?
!?
WHAT'RE YOU...
DON'T TRY TO LIE!!
HAVE YOU ALREADY SLEPT WITH BOTH THE OWNER AND YUUKA-CHAN?
OR DO YOU TAKE ANYONE WHO GETS CLOSE
STOP IT!


AREN'T YOU HAPPIER TO MAKE OUT WITH CUTE GIRLS RATHER THAN OLD MEN LIKE ME?
UH
AND... I'LL RETURN ALL THOSE WORDS TO YOU
I HAVE NO REASON TO TAKE SUCH AN INSULT FROM YOU.

SHE WAS DRUNK...
YEAH, I WAS MERELY DRUNK TOO
JUST A DRUNKEN ACT. WHY WORK YOURSELF UP OVER IT?
YES. IT WAS A SPUR OF MOMENT

JUST A ONE NIGHT DREAM
AND BESIDES,
GRIP
DOING IT ONCE DOESN'T MAKE US LOVERS.
WHAT'RE YOU—
COME!
SHUT UP!!
WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED ME
SHUCK

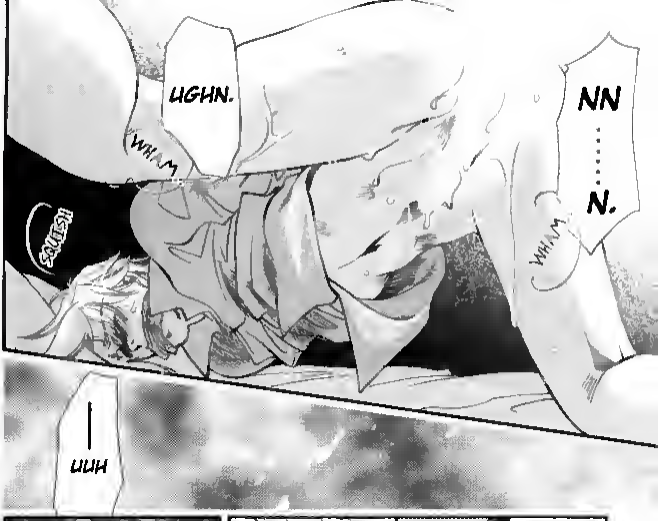
ALL DREAMS MUST COME TO AN END.
YEAH, THIS IS GOOD
THROW..
HOLD'N ...
SLIDE
OWW.


MN...
UGH
NN.
WRITHE.
NGH.

I HOPE I'LL,

WAKE UP FROM THIS DREAM SOON

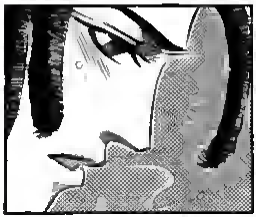
SHOVE
ICH
PUTTING ON SUCH A RESIGNED FACE!
THE HELL.
KYA
LILIH
!?
HUU ..U
THRUST
GUID
NN N
QUIVER
GHH.


NN……N.
WHAM
UGHN.
WHAM
SQUISH
UUH

SHOVE

SHIVER
UURA-SAN, COMING ALREADY? HOW QUICK
UGH
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
FULL

I WON'T LET YOU GO...
NN
...N
TREATING ME SO ROUGHLY,
SQUICH
SQUICH
LIM
.....
N



CREAK
CREAK
HE MUST HATE ME NOW

!!

WHAT'RE YOU CRYING FOR!
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU LOVE ME!?
...WHY.
CLENCH
I TOO TOWARD YOU...
YET YOU...
WHAT'S "ONLY ONCE"?
THEN HOW MANY TIMES DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME LOVERS!?

I WASN'T DRUNK, AND TOWARDS UURA-SAN I
KIZAK!
-KLIN.
TELL ME
I sound like a girl
IT WAS A LOVE,
WHEN I MET YOUR EYES FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME
I WANTED YOU TO ONLY LOOK AT ME
I WANTED YOU TO CALL MY NAME

I COULDN'T HOLD BACK.
THAT TOOK A MERE MOMENT TO LIGHT.
Squish
AH ...
I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE TOUCH YOU
KIZA ...

ULURA -SAN
I LOVE YOU
AN ENDLESS LOVE
ME TOO .....

THIS TIME I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.
NO
THAT'S AH.
HAA.
KIZAKI -KUN I'M READY SO.
THROB
HURRY.
QUICK
QUIVER
UURA -SAN

AH……H
NUZZ
I WENT OVERBOARD EARLIER
YOU MIGHT ENJOY IT MORE THIS WAY
!!
PLOP
KI
ZAKI
GENTLY.
PU
U
PUSSU
NO
TH
THERE
I'M GONNA MOVE
NN
N
AAA
PIW

NNGH
UG ..N
AH.. HAA.
..N ULIRA -SA..
TTHUT
TTHUT
AH..
AA UGH
KNNUCH
UN ME TOO
CREAK
CREAK
AA
UGH
I'M.. COMING.
KIZAKI -KU
NN

I
...
N
DREAM AND NEVER ENDING WARMTH
A NEVER WAKING,

THAT ASIDE, YOU ACTUALLY RECOGNIZED ME YESTERDAY
I SEE, THEY ARE YOUR SISTER AND HER HUSBAND
YEAH BUT, YOU LOOKED SO DIFFERENT.
WHAT A LIE.
YOU IGNORED ME BEFORE I DRESSED UP TO MEET YOU!
BECAUSE YOU'RE MY BELOVED
UURA -SA—N.
DOOM

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Is this a dream !?
UURA -SAN
I GOTTA GO
I'M GLAD YOU FOUND ME
I'M KIDDING
EH?! YOU'RE JOKING, HEY WAIT...
A MOMENT.
I'LL KEEP SILENT THAT I FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WITH HIM FIRST.
IS NOW FOREVER.
UURA -SAAAN !!
SEE YOU LATER.
+end+

夢に飛ぶ鳥

直野儚羅

A BIRD IN DREAM

feelin
Hallmark
Cards of Love

HAYASAKI
OPEN
Kaoru has come to get me lunch so I'll see him to you!
It's cold today too...
HEY!!

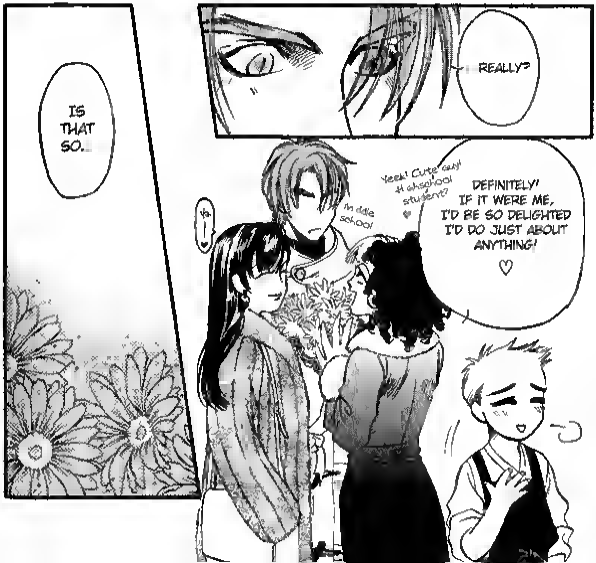
花も 嵐も
Hana mo Arashi mo
THERE ARE NO GERBERA DAISIES TODAY!
KOBUTA!

TA-KUN I KEEP TELLING YOU THIS BUT WOULD YOU STOP CALLING ME "KOBUTA"?
I'M ALREADY 25.
SHADDUP SAME TO YOU, KOBUTA! QUIT SAYING "TA-KUN." I'M ALREADY 15.
Hagisaki Kouta
Hagira Takerou
What should I do? I forgot in this storm of activity
HONESTLY... AND HE WAS SO CUTE WHEN HE WAS LITTLE
ahaha

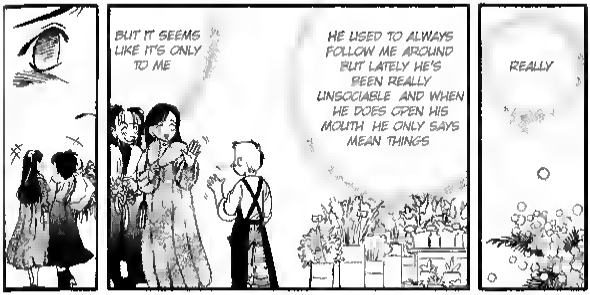
sfx annoyed
IF YOU'RE TRYING SO HARD, IT MUST BE FOR A GIRL YOU LIKE
I LOVE YOU
D-DOES IT MATTER!?
BUT, YOU KEEP BUYING FLOWERS EVERY DAY, DON'T YOU? WHO ARE YOU GIVING THEM TO?
turn
KOUTA-KUUUN, I WANTED TO SEE YOU--
I'D LIKE SOME OF YOUR FLOWERS TODAY, TOO!
KOUTA-KUUUUN!
YOU
OOH, YOU'RE JUST AS CUTE AS USUAL
GRAB
OH? HERE'S A GOOD-LOOKING MAN TOO!
DON'T USE SUCH MATURE LANGUAGE!
I'm an adult!
YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED
but it's a little painful

ANY GIRL WOULD FALL HEAD-OVER-HEELS GETTING FLOWERS FROM A HANDSOME GUY LIKE YOU

AH, ARE THESE A PRESENT FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

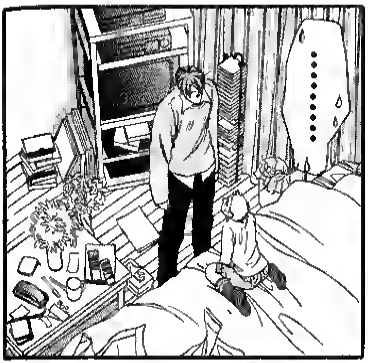

REALLY?
IS THAT SO...
DEFINITELY! IF IT WERE ME, I'D BE SO DELIGHTED I'D DO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING! ♡
Yeah! Cute girl at school studying! ♥
In data school
Ya!

!?
OUR SERVICE AT TIMES LIKE THAT IS THE REASON YOU SHOP HERE, RIGHT, TAKEROU?
WHAT WAS THAT... JUST NOW?
HMMM. I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD CHOOSE THIS TIME...
.....
AH- TA-

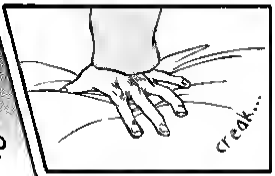

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S ONLY TO ME
HE USED TO ALWAYS FOLLOW ME AROUND BUT LATELY HE'S BEEN REALLY UNSOCIABLE AND WHEN HE DOES OPEN HIS MOUTH HE ONLY SAYS MEAN THINGS
REALLY

walk
walk
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A GIRL WOULD GIVE FLOWERS AND SUCH FOR TREATMENT FROM DOCTORS...
TA-KUN!?

YOU'RE ALWAYS WAITING FOR ME ♡
I'LL MAKE SOME TEA SO LET'S HURRY UPSTA--
slip
were you waiting for kyoumi?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TA-KUN? YOU'VE BEEN HANGING OUT AT MY ROOM A LOT LATELY
EH?
EH?
EH?
step
step
step

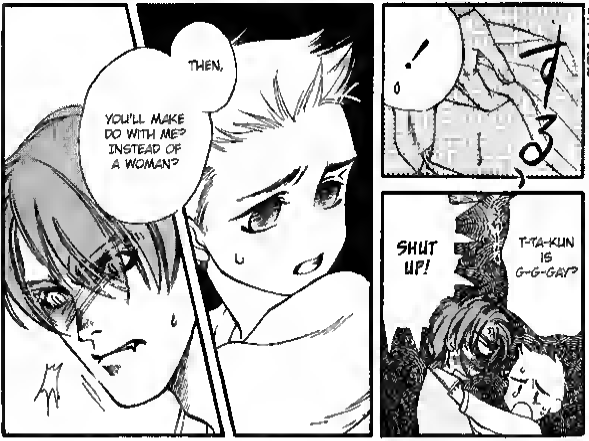


HUG


creak...

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED?

THOSE FLOWERS...
let go let go
WHA-WHAT'S WRONG, TA-KUN?
DID YOU GET RE-JECTED?
I'LL KILL YOU, KOBUTA


THEN,
YOU'LL MAKE DO WITH ME? INSTEAD OF A WOMAN?
!
SHUT UP!
T-TA-KUN IS G-G-GAY?

THUMP
SHUT UP!
!?
PULL
KOUTA
I'VE GIVEN UP ON WAITING
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
NO
NO TAKEROU!

WHY ME?
ST-
STOP IT!
HYA-
!!
SINCE IT'S KOUTA, THIS IS PROBABLY A FIRST FOR YOU, HUH?
oh, and you're a kid here too
IT'S USELESS EVEN IF YOU KICK AND SCREAM THERE'S NO ONE AROUND
AH
FFU
NGH
YOU'RE LIKE A CHILD HERE AND EVERY-WHERE ELSE
IF I WEREN'T SO SMALL AND CHILDLIKE I WOULDN'T BE THE TARGET OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS
SUCK

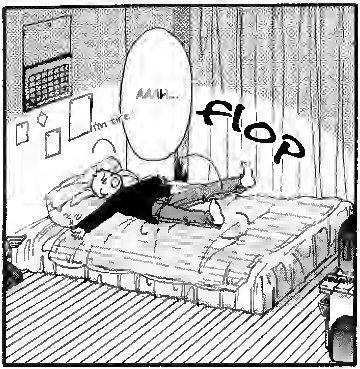
KOUTA...
HE PROBABLY FIGURED THAT HE COULD DO ANYTHING TO ME.
Thrust
...OW
Thrust
...OW
...STO-
THIS IS HOW TAKEROU THINKS OF ME.

KOUTA!?
BAM
KYOUTA-NIICHAN! WHERE'S KOBU... KOUTA!?
HEY, TAKEROU
HE'S STAYING HOME TODAY BECAUSE HE'S NOT FEELING WELL. WEREN'T YOU JUST AT HIS PLACE YESTERDAY?
.....

TA-KUN HASN'T BEEN HERE SINCE...
One week later
HE'S NOT HERE
WELCO-
I-WONDER IF HE'S ALREADY MOVED ON TO THE NEXT GIRL
SNAP
shock
gulp...
TA-KUN!?

WHAT DO YOU WANT? I DON'T HAVE FLOWERS FOR YOU
TURN
He always buys flowers here!
It's Nagira-senpai!
KOUTA, I
AT LEAST LET ME SPEAK!
SINCE IT'S TAKEROU, YOU CAN FIND AS MANY GIRLS AS YOU WANT WHO'LL GIVE THEIR BODIES TO YOU
DON'T COME HERE, NOT EVEN ON THIS STREET...
HEY!! KOBUTA!
SLAP

WHAT'S WITH THAT KIND OF ARROGANCE? HOW DARE YOU MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE IN FRONT OF ME!
STAY AWAY FROM ME!

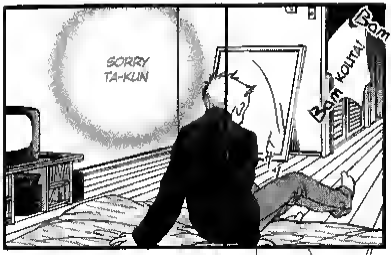

Aaah...
I'm tired
flop

Kou-chan
Kou-chan
IN THE PAST IF I GOT ANGRY HE'D COME CRYING AND APOLOGIZE RIGHT AWAY
tears
hiccups
Kou-chan likes flowers, so I thought I'd give him some
I won't pull out any more flowers, so
hiccups
NO MATTER HOW NOSTALGIC I AM FOR THE PAST IT'S NO USE
I'm such an idiot
I'm sorry, please don't hate me!

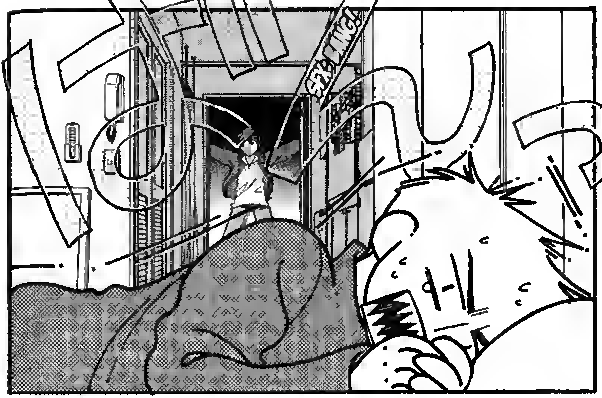
I'M SORRY KOU-CHAN...
KOU
KOUTA...
THAT'S RIGHT EVEN THOUGH HE'S 15 AND ALREADY IN JUNIOR HIGH, TAKEROU IS STILL A CHILD
I SHOULDN'T BE NOSTALGIC
AND CHASE AFTER THE PAST
.....

Kouta
YES?
ding dong~
APOLOGIZE?
I WAS WRONG! I WANT TO APOLOGIZE, SO PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!
gr. bam bam bam

Sorry, but...
OKAY
I GET IT
IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LET ME IN. AT LEAST LET ME SEE YOUR FACE... I WON'T DO ANYTHING
Click
dazed
Badum
Badum
flinch
KOU...
THUMP
KOUTA!
SLAM!


SORRY TA-KUN
Bam
KOUTA!
Bam
KOUTA!
Bam
KOUTA!

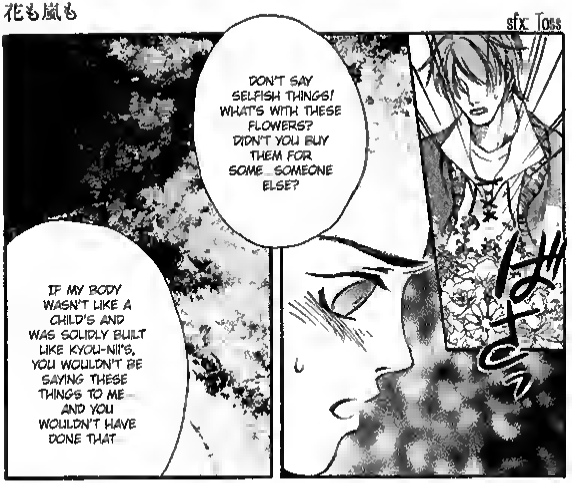
I DON'T WANT TO BE NEAR YOU WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO TOUCH YOU
I DON'T WANT TO SEE A TA-KUN THAT BUYS FLOWERS FOR SOMEONE ELSE
SFX CRASH

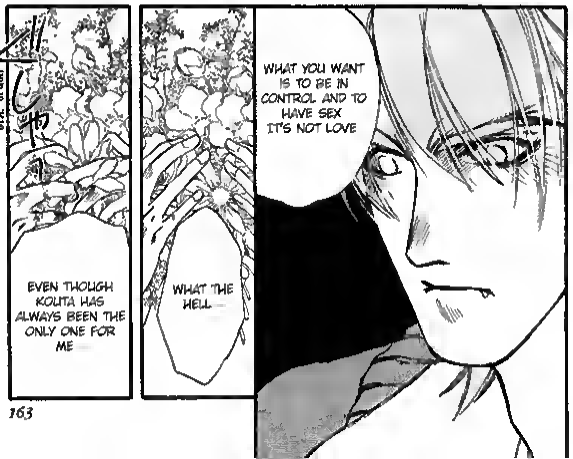

EEEEEEEK!!
T-T

WHA-WHAT!?
STOMP STOMP STOMP
!?
SFX: BAM

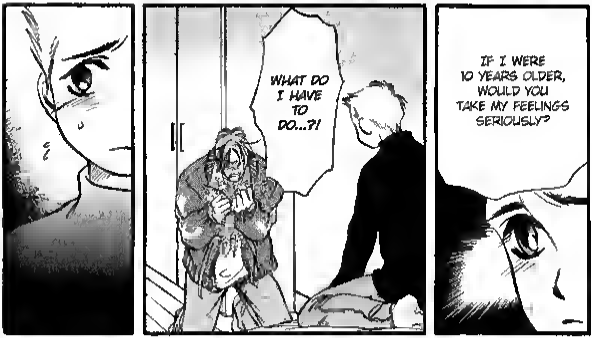
TA-
I LIKE YOU! I CAN'T HELP IT! DON'T RUN FROM ME!!
I HATE IT IF IT'S NOT KOUTA. I WANT TO BE NEAR YOU!
WHAT
FLOWERS

Uh-h...?
THERE WAS NO OTHER CHOICE KYOU-NII BROUGHT HOME A WIFE AND THERE WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM.
SHUT UP!
What're you going on about?
YOU WERE ALWAYS MINE BUT EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER
YOU LEFT AND STARTED LIVING IN THIS FUCKING PLACE ALL ON YOUR OWN...
Whack
KOUTA ...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM ME?!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
BAM


sfx: Toss
DON'T SAY SELFISH THINGS! WHAT'S WITH THESE FLOWERS? DIDN'T YOU BUY THEM FOR SOME...SOMEONE ELSE?
IF MY BODY WASN'T LIKE A CHILD'S AND WAS SOLIDLY BUILT LIKE KYOU-NII'S, YOU WOULDN'T BE SAYING THESE THINGS TO ME... AND YOU WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT


sfx: CRUSH
EVEN THOUGH KOUTA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ONLY ONE FOR ME...
WHAT THE HELL...
WHAT YOU WANT IS TO BE IN CONTROL AND TO HAVE SEX IT'S NOT LOVE

FROM THE FIRST TIME WE MET, I'VE LOVED YOU KOUTA I STILL DO I ALWAYS HAVE
BUT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE THEN, I'M WRONG? I'M BAD IF I DON'T GO OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE?


WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO...?!
IF I WERE 10 YEARS OLDER, WOULD YOU TAKE MY FEELINGS SERIOUSLY?

TA-KUN?
TAKEROU?
Inside him
SEX: BANG!
Huh?
GOTCHA!
TH-THIS GUY...!
Huh?

I CAN'T STAND IT!
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE 25, YOU HAVE THIS FUCKING INDECENT CHILDLIKE BODY
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!!
ACK!
SEE! MY BODY IS ALL THAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT!?
UWAAA
HEY-- WAIT--
IT'S NO USE. I'M NOT GOING TO LISTEN NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY. I'LL USE FORCE
YET!

YOU'RE WRONG
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR BODY. YOUR HEART, EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU... I'LL MAKE IT ALL MINE.
GRIN
...NN
YOUR PLEASURE
!
YOUR VOICE

EVERY-
THING
NN
LET GO.
AH!
Tug
UUNH
stroke
squelch
UGHH!
THAT FELT
GOOD, RIGHT?

IT'S DIRTY! AH!
It's sure hot home
...OW! TAKE...
SQUIP
...AH
HAAH...
Trrrr

WHY ARE YOU SO LUSTFUL?!
PUSH
PUSH
You're only 15!!
I HATE YOU!!
YOU BEAST!
Sfx. Hmmmmm
I CAN'T HELP IT I'M A WOLF AND YOU'RE A LITTLE PIGLET. KOUTA, SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I'D WANT TO EAT YOU UP.
It's the end.
Sfx. Fwump
NGH
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THAT?
THERE'S A BIG ONE...!!

BUT
HAA
BUT
NGH
NNN...
SPASTINGS!
SPS TO SPASM
AH...!
SPS TO SPASM
TA--
KOUTA
WHILE WE DO THIS TAKEROU BELONGS TO ME
TA-KUN...!
GONNA COME?

KOUTA
YOU'RE MINE
HE'S MINE
SQUEEZE
NN— AH!
AHH—!
SPR! TWIST
AAH!
SPR! TWIST

KOUTA
AAH!
--
AAHH!
AH!
MINE...
IT'S TA-KUN'S FLOWER

SORRY, I GOT ALL AGITATED... THE FLOWERS GOT TORN APART.
KOUTA
BUT I HAVE TAKEN CARE OF ALL THE FLOWERS I'VE BOUGHT 'TIL NOW!
I'VE NEVER GIVEN FLOWERS TO A GUY BESIDES YOU BEFORE!!
UP UNTIL NOW...
UHM...
YOU DIDN'T GIVE THEM TO ANYONE?

IT WAS JUST AN EXCUSE TO SEE YOU, ALRIGHT?!
COULD IT BE... YOU ACTUALLY REALLY DO LIKE ME?
You bastard pig!
YEAH, I LOVE YOU!
You idiot
Grip

I LOVE YOU TOO, TA-KUN
TA-KUN IS STILL TA-KUN, AFTER ALL
even when you're macho I just want to show that I can shove you down
.....
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED THIS FLOWER
Bluu
thank you
Ukuuu
I want to do it more! More
Hmm?
wait a minute!
end

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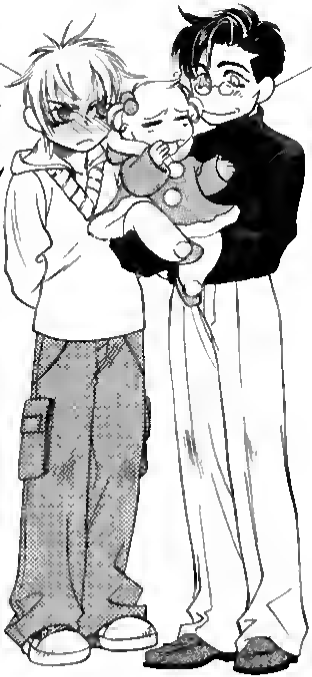

AKAMINE KAKERU (17)

◇A boy who was constantly oppressed by his parents. He is now deaf in his right ear and has many scars throughout his body from those days.

KONOMI SHOUICHI (45)

RURIKA (1/2 YR)

◇Runs a small photo studio. Wife died from an illness shortly after Ruri was born. Has since been living alone.

● OUR STORY SO FAR ●

◇Tired of being oppressed by his parents, Kakeru considers suicide when he is rescued by Shouichi and Ruri. He currently resides in the Konomi household.

* For more details, please look to the short story 'Hinata' in the collective comic 'Everyday Smile' *

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IT'S BEEN 3 MONTHS SINCE I LEFT MY MOM AND DAD TO COME LIVE WITH SHOUICHI-SAN.
EVEN TO A FILTHY STRANGER LIKE ME, HE'S STILL BEEN SO KIND, AND HIS DAUGHTER, RURI, HAS GROWN VERY ATTACHED TO ME.
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY IN MY LIFE.
WE'RE HOME!
BLUU!
Comic Girl
OH YEAH SHOUICHI-SAN SAID HE'D BE LATE FROM HIS OMIAI.*
SILENCE
*OMIAI = FORMAL MARRIAGE INTERVIEW
DON'T WORRY, I'LL DECLINE POLITELY AND COME STRAIGHT HOME.

GOODNESS! GOING TO OMIAI AT MY AGE? THIS HAS GOT TO BE A JOKE!
I'M HOME!
!
WELCOME HOME, SHOUICHI-SAN! ♡
SHOU! ♥
WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE FIRST? DINNER? OR A BATH?

I'M REALLY JUST TIRED.. I THINK I'LL CALL IT A NIGHT
NO, THANKS. I ALREADY ATE OUT. AND I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE TAKING A BATH NOW, SO.
SLAM
I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED...?
OH, EXCUSE ME?

SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE SHOUICHI-SAN'S DEAD WIFE!
YEAH, THAT'S ME.
!
ARE YOU AKANIME KAKERU-KUN?
AH, SO YOU'RE HIM!
STARE
YOU'RE JUST AS CUTE AS HE'D SAID!
SEE, I WAS WITH HIM AT YESTERDAY'S OMIAI. HE'S TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU, AND I JUST HAD TO COME SEE YOU!
Did I scare you?
OH! I'M SHOUICHI'S SISTER-IN-LAW. YAMANO KYOUKO.
His wife was my sister!
UMM...

OH! AND DON'T TELL SHOUICHI-SAN THAT I CAME HERE. I DON'T WANT HIM GETTING UPSET.
UH... RIGHT.
I want to see you picking you up!
Scare? No problem at all!
SHE'S SO YOUNG! ...AND PRETTY.
HIS FORMER WIFE'S SISTER WAS THE WOMAN HE MET WITH!? HER!?
Here's my card! Call me if you're ever interested— ...It's still just a small modeling business, but...
WELL THEN, SEE YOU! WE'LL DO LUNCH SOME TIME!
TAKE CARE OF SHOUICHI-SAN AND RURI, OKAY?
HE DIDN'T MENTION HER AT ALL...
SHOUICHI-SAN...

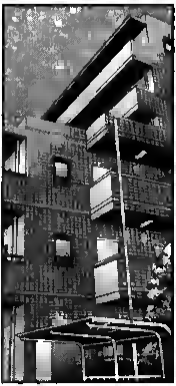
MAYBE IF I WEREN'T HERE. IF I'D NEVER MET SHOUICHI-SAN, HIS OMIAI WOULD TURN OUT BETTER.
BECAUSE SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE HIS WIFE A PRETTY AND KIND WOMAN.
HE MUST'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE LAST NIGHT BECAUSE OF HER.
FOR RURI'S SAKE...AND FOR SHOUICHI'S. I'M SURE THEY'D BE HAPPIER IF SHE WERE HERE, INSTEAD OF ME.
Puuu...
IN THE NEAR FUTURE...
Ha ha

BUT FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE TO FIND SOME-PLACE TO WORK.
click
THUD
I just put you to sleep! And I locked the door! And you're only 1/2 years old!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING HERE!?

Looks like it's still struggling...
RU... RURI?
Looks like she won
GYAAAAH!!

I...I JUST CALLED THEM...
YES, YES. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHERE IS YOUR GUARDIAN? YOUR FAMILY?
BUG!
THE BUG!
HURRY UP!! HURRY UP!!
KAAEEIKN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO RURI!?
ビクッ!

KAKERU-KUN!!
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE! SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY FROM RURI AND SHOUICHI!
SO THAT SHOUICHI WON'T HAVE TO SAY ANY-THING!



SO THAT I WON'T BE IN THE WAY ANYMORE.

SORRY. I'LL BE LEAVING SOON.
IT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL! YOU CAN STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU LIKE!
I'M LOOKING FOR WORK. I'M GOING TO LEAVE SHOUICHI-SAN'S HOUSE.
I'M...
click
OH MY! IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MY FAULT, COULD IT...?
...NO.
I'D JUST FORGOTTEN ALL THIS TIME. IT FELT SO GOOD BEING THERE.
I KNOW THAT IF I WERE TO STAY ANY LONGER, IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD FOR HIM, AND FOR RURI.
I WAS JUST BEING A NUISANCE TO HIM

KAKERU-KUN!!
Jeez!
YES?
YOU CAN'T BE...
Girl
.....
I FOUND YOUR BUSINESS CARD IN KAKERU'S ROOM
DAMMIT! HOW'D YOU KNOW HE WAS HERE!?

OH YEAH? WELL, SINCE WHEN DO MIDDLE-AGED OLD MEN TREAT YOUNG BOYS LIKE THIS!?
DON'T TELL ME YOU COERCED HIM INTO DOING THIS, DID YOU!?
PLEASE, YOU TWO! YOU'RE WRONG! I JUST WANTED TO...
KAKERU -KUN
UH, SHOU-ICHI?
Is that you?
You know I'm right!
What are you talking about?
You're the one that always
Now, see here!
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THIS AT HOME
NOW BRING YOUR THINGS WITH YOU.

Konami Photos
NOW THEN... IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE, COULD YOU AT LEAST TELL ME THE REASON WHY?
...I CAN'T TELL YOU.
ALRIGHT THEN... WHEN DID YOU MEET KYOUKO?

BUT, WHEN YOU DO LEAVE, I JUST WANT YOU TO LET ME KNOW. THAT'S ALL.

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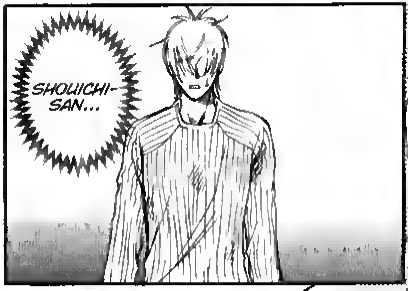
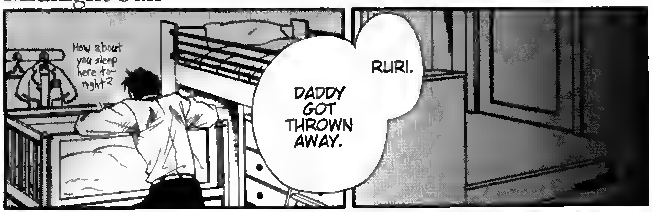
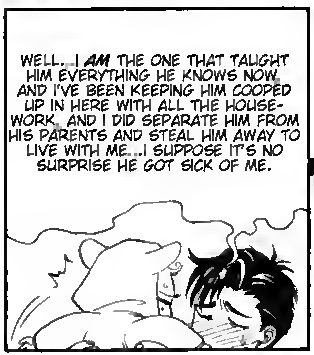
Good night
I'M SORRY FOR EVERY-THING. BUT YOU CAN STAY HERE UNTIL YOU FIND THE NEXT HOUSE TO LIVE IN


SHOUICHI-SAN...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO STUBBORN I'M NOT BLAMING YOU FOR ANYTHING
YOU'RE STILL YOUNG, BUT SOME-DAY, WHEN YOU LEAVE RURI AND I, YOU'LL HAVE TO BE READY.
I'VE SPOILED YOU SO MUCH UNTIL NOW, YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN


How about you sleep here tonight?
RURI.
DADDY GOT THROWN AWAY.


WELL, I *AM* THE ONE THAT TAUGHT HIM EVERYTHING HE KNOWS NOW, AND I'VE BEEN KEEPING HIM COOPED UP IN HERE WITH ALL THE HOUSE-WORK, AND I DID SEPARATE HIM FROM HIS PARENTS AND STEAL HIM AWAY TO LIVE WITH ME...I SUPPOSE IT'S NO SURPRISE HE GOT SICK OF ME.

LOOKS LIKE KYOUKO WAS RIGHT ALL ALONG.
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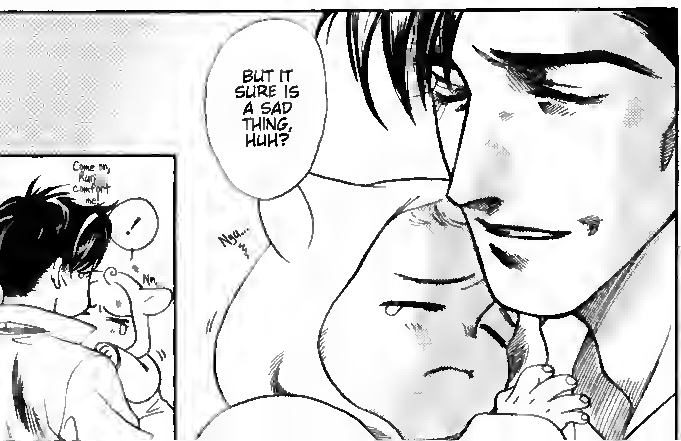
BUT IT SURE IS A SAD THING, HUH?
Now...
Come on, Ruri, don't get sick!
Mm.

KAKERU-KUN.
KA...
Now, you're going to sleep, so don't wake up.
CLICK
Guu
OAT
OAT
KA KAKERU -KUN!!

AS LONG AS YOU WERE MINE, I WOULDN'T CARE WHAT YOU MADE ME DO!
AS LONG AS I COULD ALWAYS BE WITH YOU AND RURI, I WOULDN'T NEED ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE!
YOU DIDN'T DO ANY-THING WRONG
BUT YOU RAN AWAY

HAA...!
NNGH!
NNH!
AH! SHO...
SHOUICHI-SAN...!
Haa...
KAKERU-KUN
AAH!!
SHOU-ICHI...!
Haa...
Haa...

I'M SORRY.
.....
...I LOVE YOU.

YES, THAT DAY, I WAS TRYING TO AVOID YOU.
AT THE OMIAI, I TOLD KYOUKO ABOUT YOU, AND SHE CALLED ME A COLD-HEARTED BRUTE. YOU CAN SEE WHY I WAS CONCEREND ABOUT THAT.
I THOUGHT IT BEST TO LAY LOW AND THINK THINGS OVER, FIRST.
I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T THINK OF HOW IT WOULD AFFECT YOU.
AND WHEN I CAME HOME I WAS OVER-COME WITH DESIRE AT THE SIGHT OF YOU.
I DON'T CARE WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE. I'M HAPPY JUST BEING WITH YOU.
HUG!
!!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT GENDER, EITHER ALL I KNOW IS I LOVE YOU.
SHOU-ICHI-SAN ..
NGH. .
THAT'S WHY I DON'T CARE. ABOUT THAT.
RURI?
RU.
I thought you were asleep!
!!
カハッ
HA HA HA HA
OH, RURI, YOU'RE AMAZING! I HAVE TO TAKE A PHOTO OF THIS!
SHOU-ICHI -SAN!! AARGH! RURI! DON'T EAT IT!
Nngh Grr gah
OH MY
Looks like it's still struggling.
くるっ
End

DEBUT
RURIKA'S DEBUT AT THE PARK, AT THE AGE OF 3 (KAKERU IS 20)
So cute.
I HOPE THEY ACCEPT ME ..!
Let's do our best, Ruri!
HAHAHA! IT'LL BE FINE! ALL THE MOTHERS AROUND HERE ARE VERY NICE.
Sorry, I'm busy now
THAT'S WHAT SHOUSHI-SAN SAID BUT...
PLEE?
PLONK
PLONK
!!
PLONK
PLONK
OH MY GOD!
THAT'S A "PENGY"! I LOVE THOSE!!
Where's the sound come out of??
WOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MODEL BEFORE!
Man! This is so sweet!
ISN'T IT NICE, RURI?
Ruri
Likes toys because of Ruri.
PINC PORONK PINC
PORONK PINC
I WONDER WHOSE CHILD HE IS?..
DON'T LOOK AT ME
THE END